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#### Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private companies listed on the attached service list have been, are, will be and threaten to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual for both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with tools that are made from, or that incorporate as components, leaded brass. The brass parts on these tools contain lead and lead compounds ("lead"), which are chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. The listed companies market these brass-containing tools. Some specific examples of the products to which this notice pertains are attached on the Products List. Specific examples of these types of products are listed in the enclosed Product List. Though a specific model or SKU or product number is given as an example, this notice pertains to all models, and all variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example. People are exposed to lead at work or elsewhere when they use these tools and their skin comes into contact with the brass. Lead is transferred from the tools to the hands of the people using these products. The lead then enters their bodies when it is absorbed directly through the skin, through mucous membranes, or through cuts and/or abrasions, when they touch their hands to their mouths and other mucous membranes, or when they touch cigarettes or food and then smoke the cigarettes or ingest the food. These exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, mucous membrane, subcutaneous, inhalation and ingestion routes. The listed companies did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose them to lead. The above referenced violations have occurred every day since at least November 20, 2005 and will continue every day until the lead is taken out of these products or until warnings are given. These violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. We do not, however, allege occupational exposure violations as to any brass tools made outside of California, except as to workplaces the companies themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off the listed businesses' properties and in each of California's 58 counties.

William Verick

Cordially,

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# **PRODUCT LIST**

### ACTRON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

ACTRON PROFESSIONAL FUEL PRESSURE TESTER KIT #CP7838 UPC CODE: 021467 078388; ACTRON FUEL PRESSURE TESTER KIT #CP7818 UPC CODE: 021467 078180; ACTRON FUEL PRESSURE TESTER KIT #CP7817 UPC CODE: 021467 078173; ACTRON STEM COMPRESSION TESTER #CP7821 UPC CODE: 021467 078210; ACTRON FUEL PRESSURE TESTER KIT #CP7818 UPC CODE: 021467 078180 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have leaded-brass or bronze components.

## BELL AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, INC.

MONKEY GRIP BALL FOOT AIR CHUCK 1/4" FEMALE NPT UPC CODE: 077231 088701; MONKEY GRIP M-TYPE INTERCHANGEABLE COUPLER 1/4" FEMALE NPT #08888-M UPC CODE: 077231 088886; MONKEY GRIP PROFESSIONAL TIRE GUAGE 5-60PSI #M8866-M UPC CODE: 077231 088664; MONKEY GRIP RE-COIL AIR HOSE 1/4" NPT X 25' WITH SWIVEL HEADS #08874-M UPC CODE: 077231 088749; MONKEY GRIP SUV & RV DIAL TIRE GUAGE 5-75 PSI #08740-M UPC CODE: 077231 087407; MONKEY GRIP T-TYPE INTERCHANGEABLE COUPLER 1/4" FEMALE NPT #08876-M UPC CODE: 077231 088763; MONKEY GRIP T-TYPE INTERCHANGEABLE NIPPLE 1/4" MALE NPT #08877-M UPC CODE: 077231 088770; MONKEY GRIP M-TYPE INTERCHANGEABLE COUPLER UPC CODE: 077231 088893; These product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have leaded-brass or bronze components.

#### EMPIRE LEVEL MFG. CORP.

EMPIRE 12 OZ BRASS PLUMB BOB #912BR UPC CODE: 015812 912007; EMPIRE BRASS STAIR GUAGES #105 UPC CODE: 015812 001053; CRAFTSMAN 12" COMBO SQUARE #39567 UPC CODE: 015812 395671; CRAFTSMAN 16OZ.BRASS PLUMB BOB #40104 UPC CODE: 015812 401044; CRAFTSMAN 7" COMBO SQUARE #39273 UPC CODE: 015812 392731; CRAFTSMAN STAIR GUAGES #39563 UPC CODE: 015812 395633; POCKET CALIPER #2783 UPC CODE: 046609 027833; PROTRACTOR #27912 UPC CODE: 046609 279126; PROTRACTOR/ANGLE FINDER #2791 UPC CODE: 046609 027918 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have leaded-brass or bronze components.

### H.D. HUDSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY

RANGER BAK-PAK FIRE PUMP SKU# 69024794015 5-GALLON These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have leaded-brass or bronze components.

### NATURAL SCIENCE INDUSTRIES, LTD

DELUXE 3D WOODBURNING KIT UPC CODE: 042409 077979; ALL PURPOSE WOODBURNING PEN SET #7701 UPC CODE: 042409 077016 These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have leaded-brass or bronze components.

# U.S. ALLOY CO., INC.

WASHINGTON ALL CO. GROUND CLAMP #GC300T This product description pertains not only to the specific model of the product listed, but also for all units of all models of tools that have leaded-brass or bronze components.

## **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings. I am the attorney for the noticing party. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: November 20, 2008

William Verick

This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

# I, Nicole Frank, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On November 20, 2008, I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on November 20, 2008, at Eureka, California

Nicole Frank